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Amendment and Response

Sir:

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 23, 2005. Submitted herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the date for responding to the non-final Office Action up to and including June 23, 2005. Please apply any fees or credits due in this case not covered by the enclosed check to Deposit Account 50-2295.

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